RECORD OF SPECIES ASSESSMENTS

SPECIES	ASSESSMENT	DATE OF ASSESSMENT
Peary Caribou	Threatened	December 2012
Boreal Caribou	Threatened	December 2012
Hairy Braya	Threatened	December 2012
Polar Bear	Special Concern	December 2012
Dolphin and Union Caribou	Special Concern	December 2013
Northern Leopard Frog	Threatened	December 2013

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, provides full administrative and financial support to the Species at Risk Committee. Contracts for preparing species status reports are advertised on **www.contractregistry.nt.ca**.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2014-2020 (CURRENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2014)

TO BE ASSESSED	SPECIES NAME
December 2014	Western Toad *(Anaxyrus boreas)*
	Wolverine *(Gulo gulo)*
December 2015	Barren-ground Caribou (except Dolphin and Union population) *(Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus)*
	Wood Bison *(Bison bison athabascae)*
December 2016	Drummond Bluebell (Plant) *(Mertensia drummondii)*
	Grizzly Bear *(Ursus arctos)*
	Little Brown Bat *(Myotis lucifugus)**
	Northern Myotis (Bat) *(Myotis septentrionalis)**
	Long-eared Myotis (Bat) *(Myotis evotis)**
	Long-legged Myotis (Bat) *(Myotis volans)**
	Big Brown Bat *(Eptesicus fuscus)**
	*The five bat species will be bundled together into one species status report but assessed separately.
December 2017	Peregrine Falcon anatum-tundrius complex *(Falco peregrinus)*
	Mountain Goat *(Oreamnos americanus)*
	Yellow-banded Bumble Bee *(Bombus terricola)**
	Western Bumble Bee *(Bombus occidentalis)**
	Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee (formerly Ashton's Cuckoo Bumble Bee) *(Bombus bohemicus)**
	*The three bumble bee species will be bundled together into one species status report but assessed separately.
December 2018	Banks Island Alkali Grass (Plant) *(Puccinellia banksiensis)*
	Sand Bluegrass (Plant) *(Poa ammophila)*
	Canadian Toad *(Anaxyrus hemiophrys)*
	Rusty Blackbird *(Euphagus carolinus)*
December 2019	Collared Pika *(Ochotona collaris)*
	American White Pelican *(Pelecanus erythrorhynchos)*
	Red-sided Garter Snake *(Thamnophis sirtalis)*
December 2020	Woodland Caribou (Northern Mountain population) *(Rangifer tarandus caribou)*
	Short-eared Owl *(Asio flammeus)*

*The Assessment Schedule is subject to annual review and modification.
**Nahanni Aster *(Symphyotrichum nahanniense)* was originally scheduled to be assessed in 2014; however, given that it occurs only within Nahanni National Park Reserve and is covered by the federal *Species at Risk Act*, it has been removed from the assessment schedule.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

ANNUAL REPORT

Under subsection 23(1) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the Species at Risk Committee must submit an annual report to the Conference of Management Authorities by July 1 each year. This annual report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014.

THE *SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT*

The Species at Risk (NWT) Act (the Act) provides a process to identify, protect and recover species at risk in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The Act applies to any wild animal, plant or other species managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. It applies in most areas of the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claims agreement.

Peregrine Falcon, Carl Ed

Wood Bison, Brian Gunn Ed

Boreal Caribou, Brian Gunn Ed

THE SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE

The Species at Risk Committee (the Committee) was established under the Act. It is an independent committee of experts responsible for assessing the biological status of species at risk in the NWT.

Species status assessments are done at the territorial level and results may be different from assessments done at the national level. Assessments are based on species status reports that include the best available Aboriginal traditional knowledge, community knowledge and scientific knowledge of the species. The Committee must use objective biological criteria in its assessments and does not consider socioeconomic factors.

The Committee uses the assessments to make recommendations on the listing of species at risk. The assessment categories for the legal list of species at risk are Extinct, Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern. Species can also be assessed as Not At Risk or Data Deficient. The Committee identifies threats and positive influences to species and their habitats, and may make recommendations on conservation measures for species at risk.

The Committee makes its recommendations to the Conference of Management Authorities, a group of boards and governments that share responsibility for the conservation and recovery of species at risk in the NWT. The Conference of Management Authorities includes wildlife co-management boards established under land claim and self-government agreements, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Tłı̨chǫ Government, and the Government of Canada.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Species at Risk Committee members are appointed by the four wildlife co-management boards established under settled land claim and self-government agreements and the federal government. The Government of the Northwest Territories, represented by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), appoints the other members. Appointments are for up to five years.

Committee members must have significant expertise of species, habitat, northern ecosystems or conservation. Members act independently and not as representatives of their appointing bodies.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 2014

Members:

- **Interim Chairperson:** Dr. Paul Latour
- **Alternate Chairperson:** Dr. Suzanne Carrière
- Mr. Arthur Beck
- Mr. James Firth
- Mr. Jason Horesay
- Mr. Larry Carpenter
- Mr. Mike Gravel
- Mr. Moise Rabesca
- Ms. Donna Bigelow

Alternates:

- Dr. Nicholas (Nic) Larter
- Mr. Boyan Tracz
- Mr. Daniel Beck
- Mr. Eugene Pascal
- Mr. Lawrence Ruben
- Ms. Jennie Rausch
- Ms. Misty Ireland

Biographies of members and alternates are available at **www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca**

COMMITTEE PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2013 TO MARCH 31, 2014

The Species at Risk Committee released the results of the 2013 species assessments in December 2013. This is the second year assessments have been done since the Act came into force in 2010. Species assessed in 2013 were Dolphin and Union Caribou (Special Concern) and Northern Leopard Frog (Threatened).

The Conference of Management Authorities will decide whether or not to add these species to the NWT List of Species at Risk by December 20, 2014.

The Species at Risk Committee held five meetings in 2013-14 and continued work on species status reports for Wolverine and Western Toad, which are scheduled to be assessed in 2014, and Barren-ground Caribou and Wood Bison, which are scheduled to be assessed in 2015.

The Committee did not receive any referrals or applications for species to be assessed under subsection 26(1) or section 27 of the Act. An assessment schedule detailing species to be assessed from 2014 to 2020 was developed and has been approved by the Conference of Management Authorities. The assessment schedule is revised annually.

All Species at Risk Committee documents, including species status reports and assessments, are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: **www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca**